

### REMARKS

The above Amendments and these Remarks are in reply to the Office Action mailed April 21, 2005.

With the withdrawal of claims 16-22, claims 1-6 and 23-26 are presented herewith.

#### Election

In the Office Action, the Examiner required the claims to be restricted to one of two alleged inventions: (1) Group I, including claims 1-6 and 23-26; and (2) Group II, including claims 16-22.

Applicants hereby elect to proceed with Group I, including claims 1-6 and 23-26. Claims 16-22 have been withdrawn without prejudice so that they can be submitted with a divisional application.

Applicants make this election to further the prosecution process. This election is not meant to indicate that the Applicants agree or disagree with the restriction requirement.

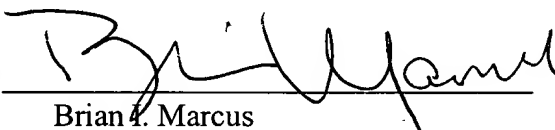
Based on the above amendments and these remarks, reconsideration of claims 1-6 and 23-26 is respectfully requested.

The Examiner's prompt attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. Should further questions remain, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 501826 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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